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IN THE CLAIMS

--11. (Amended) A dispersion comprising:

- (a) 5 to 40 wt.% of an amphipathic lipid having, in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxy group and at least one amide group;
- (b) 2 to 55 wt.% of a surfactant; and
- (c) an aqueous medium,

wherein said amphipathic lipid has an average particle size of 0.5 to 150 μm [,] as a solid particulate and is dispersed in said surfactant and aqueous medium.

15. (Amended) The dispersion of claim 11, wherein component (a) is a substance [analogous to ceramide] pseudo-ceramide.

17. (Amended) A washing-away type cosmetic composition which is washed away after application to the skin or hair, which comprises the dispersion of any one of claims 11 to 13.

18. (Amended) A process for preparing a washing-away type cosmetic composition which is washed away after application to the skin or hair, which comprises mixing the dispersion of any one of claims 11 to 13 with the components of the cosmetic composition other than the dispersion, at not more than 50° C.

19. (Amended) A washing-away type cosmetic composition which is washed away after application to the skin or hair comprising:

(A) 0.01 to 10 wt.% of an amphipathic lipid having an average particle size of 0.5 to 150 μm [,] as a solid particulate and having in the molecule thereof, at least one hydroxy group and at least one amide group; and

(b) 5 to 95 wt.% of a surfactant.

Claims 20 and 21 (new)